

REMARKS

In the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because the Examiner alleges that the figures do not show the concave portions. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that Fig. 8 show the concave first concave portion 32c and second concave portion 32d. Applicant is including herewith a perspective view of Fig. 8 illustrating the concave portions 32a and 32d.

Summary of Claims

Claims 1, 6-7 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Azima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,174,025). Claims 8-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Azima et al. Claim 5, 16, 21, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 2-4, 12-15, 17-20, 23-26 and 28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 13, and 18 have been amended. No new matter was added as a result.

Claims 2 and 29 - 32 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 3 - 28 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 5, 16, 21, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant submits that the amendment to claim 1 renders this rejection moot.

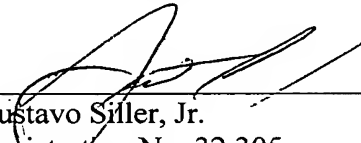
Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 6-7 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Azima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,174,025). The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 2 is allowable. The Examiner is thanked for his assistance in this regard. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Therefore, applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable. Since claim 1 is allowable, dependent claims 3-28 are also allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 8-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Azima et al. In view of the amendment to claim 1, applicant submits that this rejection has been overcome and these claims are allowable.

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